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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Docket No.: 127516

For: A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A SINGLE CRYSTAL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**